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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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EOPSS Funding Opportunities

Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative Application for Grant Funds

Letter of Intent Due: August 20, 2008, Application Deadline: September 4, 2008

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Office of Grants & Research has issued an Application for Grant Funding for the FY 2009 Shannon Community Safety Initiative. This \$13 million grant program supports regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to combat gang and youth violence through coordinated programs for prevention and intervention, law enforcement approaches, prosecution, and reintegration. Grants are anticipated to begin on November 1, 2008 and last for one year. The Bidder's Conference will be held on August 14, 2008.

For more information: www.mass.gov/safety/shannon.

Other Funding Opportunities

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

Mentoring Children of Prisoners Training and Technical Assistance

Application Deadline: August 11, 2008

The Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) Administration on Children, Youth and Families' (ACYF) Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) seeks applications to enhance and promote the continuous quality improvement of services available to agencies that provide mentors to children with an incarcerated parent. The goal of the cooperative agreement is to enhance the programmatic and administrative capacities of public and private agencies that provide services to youth and families impacted by incarceration.

For more information: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2008-ACF-ACYF-CV-0127.html>.

CCDO FY 09 Weed and Seed Communities Competitive Program

Application Deadline: August 19, 2008 (Draft Application), September 9, 2008 (Application)

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Community Capacity Development Office (CCDO) seeks applications from interested communities to participate in the Weed and Seed Communities Competitive Program. The Weed and Seed strategy aims to prevent, control, and reduce violent crime, criminal drug related activity, and gang activity and is designed for communities with persistent high levels of serious violent crime and corresponding social problems. A Weed and Seed Community (WSC) must work to reduce crime and improve the quality of life for residents in a community primarily through the redeployment of existing public and private resources, addressing both crime and social related problems that without proper intervention often lead to violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity.

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/funding/CCDO_FY09_WeedandSeedCompetitiveSolicitation.pdf.

Criminal Justice Drug Abuse Treatment Studies 2

Application Deadline: August 28, 2008

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) seeks cooperative agreement applications for participation as Research Centers in the second phase of the national Criminal Justice Drug Abuse Treatment Studies. The goal of this program is to develop and test systems-level models that integrate public health and public safety approaches for criminal justice-involved adults and adolescents with drug abuse and addictive disorders.

For more information: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfafiles/RFA-DA-09-006.html>.

Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program

Application Deadline: Open (an application for funding or technical assistance should be submitted to the OVC Director as soon as practical following a terrorist or mass violence incident)

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) developed the Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program to provide timely assistance to jurisdictions to address victim needs in the aftermath of an act of terrorism or mass violence. Applicants can apply for funds for only two situations: to compensate *and* assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur within the United States, or to assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur outside the United States. The funds available through the program may supplement other resources and services available to jurisdictions responding to acts of terrorism or mass violence. Applicants eligible for funding include state victim assistance and victim compensation programs; public agencies including federal, state, and local governments; and victim service and non-governmental organizations.

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/pdf/txt/antiterrorapplication.pdf>.

Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program

Application Deadline: Open (contingent upon funding availability)

OVC will provide up to \$10,000 each to grassroots community and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to help improve their outreach and services to crime victims, through support of program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers. Eligible applicants include organizations and coalitions operating for at least 1 year that have not received federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) victim assistance grant funding and that have an annual operating budget of \$50,000 or less. All applicants must also have a history of serving crime victims.

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>.

Research and Publications

Sex Offender Residency Restrictions: How Mapping Can Inform Policy

This National Institute of Justice (NIJ) “In Short” assesses the impact of residency restrictions on the management of sex offenders, specifically on the availability of legal housing options. Using examples from multiple communities in New Jersey, San Diego, and Hamilton County, Ohio, this report identifies the ways in which GIS mapping can be utilized by legislators whose jurisdictions have, or are considering enacting, residency laws. Mapping analysis can be useful in demonstrating whether a proposed residency restriction law is reasonable to enforce or if an existing law has resulted in a lack of reasonable housing options for offenders.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/222759.pdf>.

Domestic Violence Cases: What Research Shows About Arrest and Dual Arrest Rates

This NIJ e-publication presents the results of a nationwide study which analyzed the factors that have increased arrests and dual arrests in domestic violence cases. Included in the report are the study’s outcomes and recommendations for police, policymakers, and other practitioners on how to develop better arrest policies and increase conviction rates. Researchers examined case records from 25 police departments in 4 states nationwide.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/publications/dv-dual-arrest-222679/welcome.htm>.

HOPE in Hawaii: Swift and Sure Changes in Probation

This NIJ “In Short” provides a brief historical background on the state of probation in Hawaii until 2004 and presents an overview of the new Hawaii Opportunity Probation with Enforcement (HOPE) program. The brainchild of Circuit Judge Steve Alm, the HOPE program focuses on “swift and sure punishment” and requires that all probationers follow the rules exactly. This report discusses early successes and preliminary findings of the HOPE program.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/222758.pdf>.

Geography & Public Safety: On Traffic Safety and Law Enforcement

This Geography and Public Safety Newsletter, a quarterly newsletter produced by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and NIJ, discusses various current topics related to traffic safety and law enforcement. In this issue, authors discuss the benefits of mapping crash data; a web-based mapping application that targets drunk drivers; the creation of maps and layer files for cartographic consistency; and the use of statistical analysis in assisting police personnel allocation.

Access full text at: http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/files/RIC/Publications/GPS_Newsletter_July_08.pdf.

National Institute of Justice Journal: Issue No 260

Published by NIJ, the NIJ Journal presents the Institute’s policy-relevant research results and initiatives. In this issue, authors discuss cold case resources and strategies, new technologies to decrease DNA sample backlogs, criminal justice research abroad, interagency coordination, and the findings of a study on terrorist behavior.

Access full text for all articles at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/222899.pdf>.

Policing in Arab-American Communities After September 11

NIJ recently released this report which presents findings from a study examining how relationships between law enforcement officers and residents of Arab-American communities were affected by the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The report includes perceived obstacles from both sides as well as promising practices for addressing these issues and concerns. Although the report focuses on Arab-Americans, many of the recommendations are consistent with the general principles of community policing and, therefore, may be useful for developing relationships between law enforcement and other geographically concentrated immigrant neighborhoods.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/221706.htm>.

Sexual Violence Reported by Juvenile Correctional Authorities, 2005-06

This Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) report provides an overview of data collected through the 2005 and 2006 Survey on Sexual Violence, an administrative records collection of incidents of youth-on-youth and staff-on-youth sexual violence reported to juvenile correctional authorities. The report includes the volume of sexual violence by type and an analysis of substantiated incidents, including where the assault occurred, time of day, number and characteristics of victims and perpetrators, nature of any injuries incurred, impact on victims, and any punishment imposed on the perpetrators.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/svrjca0506.pdf>.

Census of Publicly Funded Forensic Crime Laboratories, 2005

This BJS report presents findings from the 2005 Census of Publicly Funded Forensic Crime Laboratories. Included in the report are details on forensic requests received by crime laboratories; resources needed to complete such requests; and data on crime lab budgets, personnel, accreditations, and case backlog. Data analysis comparisons from the 2002 Census are also included in the report.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.gov/bjs/abstract/cpffcl05.htm>.

Highlights of the 2005 National Youth Gang Survey

This Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Fact Sheet summarizes the findings from the 2005 National Youth Gang Survey (NYGS). The NYGS collects data annually from law enforcement agencies nationwide on the presence and characteristics of local gang problems. The current sample of agencies includes participants from larger cities, suburban counties, smaller cities, and rural counties. NYGC asked survey recipients to report information only for youth gangs; motorcycle gangs, hate or ideology groups, prison gangs, and exclusively adult gangs were excluded from the survey.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/fs200804.pdf>.

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Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/fs200805.pdf>.

Sexual Violence in Disasters: A Planning Guide for Prevention and Response

This guide, a joint effort between the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault & National Sexual Violence Resource Center, provides important information about sexual violence and disasters aimed to assist communities cultivate better public safety responses during disasters. Arranged according to phases of a disaster, the guide offers a range of recommendations from the more immediate to the long term. Worksheets available in the back of the guide have been designed to facilitate the process of disaster planning.

Access full text at: http://www.nsvrc.org/_cms/fileUpload/Projects/NSVRCPUB_SV_Disaster_web.pdf.

Community Policing Dispatch

This monthly newsletter, produced by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), focuses on the challenge of recruiting and retaining highly qualified law enforcement officers and the methods used by some agencies to attract good candidates. Also highlighted in the newsletter is a new COPS program to combat sexual predators who focus on children, a gang-prevention network among cities in California, a new tool for developing community-based homicide prevention strategies, and the strengths of community policing in preventing crime.

Access full text at: http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/July_2008/index.htm.

2008 Marijuana Sourcebook

This Chartbook, published by the Office of National Drug Control Policy, examines marijuana's significant role in the illicit drug problem in the United States. Specifically, this report presents maps, charts, and graphs on marijuana use patterns and trends, health effects, criminal justice aspects, the supply network, and the issue of marijuana for medical purposes.

Access full text at: http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/news/press08/Marijuana_2008.pdf.

Estrategia Nacional para el Control de Drogas, 2008

This document, the Spanish-language version of the 2008 National Drug Control Strategy, outlines the President's plan to reduce drug abuse and its negative effects. The Strategy supports a balance between reducing the demand and supply for illegal drugs in the nation, and outlines new best practice programs which have been successful in combating substance abuse.

Access full text at: http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/policy/ndcs08sp/ndcs_spanish_2008.pdf.

Conferences and Trainings

“Train-the-Trainer” Workshop: *Choose to Refuse, a Heroin and OxyContin Prevention Education Program*

August 14, 2008 in Salem, MA

Hosted by the office of District Attorney Jonathan W. Blodgett, this “train-the-trainer” workshop will focus on the *Choose to Refuse, a Heroin and OxyContin Prevention Education Program*, a six session curriculum that helps high school students understand the dangers of heroin and OxyContin. The workshop will also incorporate the *Choose 2 Refuse* program, which includes video clips of youth in recovery and can be presented to students as a one hour PowerPoint presentation. All participants will receive copies and brochures for both programs. Workshop participation is free; registration is required.

For more information (and to register), please call (978) 745-6610 ext 5082, or email diane.steele@state.ma.us by August 11, 2008.

Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws 10th Annual National Leadership Conference

August 21-23, 2008 in Nashville, TN

Sponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the Center for Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws, this conference will highlight communities, programs, and other initiatives that have successfully implemented science, performance, and data-driven strategies to support the reduction of youth access to alcohol. A variety of topics related to effective prevention and enforcement of underage drinking will be discussed.

For more information: <http://www.udetc.org>.

The 9th National Conference on Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention

August 26-28, 2008 in New Orleans, LA

Hosted by the National Children’s Advocacy Center, this conference will feature a diverse faculty with expertise in the latest knowledge and skills in child abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment. The Keynote Speaker for this conference will be Dr. John Stirling from the Center for Child Protection.

For more information: http://www.nationalcac.org/professionals/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=122&Itemid=118.

National Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities (TASC) 15th Annual Conference on Drugs & Crime: The Sky's the Limit: Strengthening Communities through TASC Innovation, Integration, and Imagination

September 3-5, 2008 in Chicago, IL

Joining nationally recognized experts in the fields of public health and safety and representatives from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and the Department of Justice, the focus of this conference will be building up communities using innovative and creative programs, policies, and procedures. Speakers will share the latest developments in substance abuse education, prevention, treatment, and research.

For more information: <http://www.nationaltasc.org/ntasc-2008-conference/>.

Grant Writing Workshop

September 8-9, 2008 in Winthrop, MA

Winthrop Parks & Recreation and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grant writing workshop to assist both beginning and experienced grant writers from city, county, and state agencies. This workshop will cover how to write grant proposals start to finish and how to locate and track relevant grant opportunities. Tuition is \$425 and includes all materials: workbook and accompanying 220MB resource CD. Seating is limited; online reservations are necessary; walk-ins are not allowed.

For more information: <http://grantwritingusa.com/events/write/wima0908.html> or contact Cathy Rittenhouse at cathy@grantwritingusa.com or Rose Mazzuchelli at speakerro@aol.com.

BJS/JRSA 2008 National Conference: Using Data to Improve Justice Policy and Practice

October 16-17, 2008 in Portland, OR

The more than 20 panel sessions of this Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) and Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA) conference will focus on the use of statistics and research in the development of justice-related policies and programs nationwide. Criminal justice professionals from all areas of government and academia will share up-to-date data and research and discuss opportunities for improving the quality of these resources. In addition, JRSA will offer pre- and post-conference seminars on mapping, cost benefit analysis, evaluation methods and related issues, forecasting, and statistics.

For more information: <http://www.jrsa.org/events/conference/index.html>.

News

The following are excerpts from newspaper articles regarding public safety topics.

Jail Work-Release Numbers Up

***The Worcester Telegram & Gazette*, July 17, 2008**

A recent article in *The Worcester Telegram & Gazette* states that the work-release program at the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction in West Boylston has had a 36% increase in participation and a 21% decrease in expenses. Worcester County Sheriff Guy W. Glodis said work release is one of the department's most important and effective means of preparing inmates for release. Participants in the program must be within six months of their release date and cannot have been convicted of a violent crime, sex offense or have any outstanding restraining orders against them. Employers pay inmates a reduced salary, and all inmates are required to pay a portion of their room and board as well as state and federal taxes. Mr. Glodis said that while the program is a "win" for his department and for taxpayers, the biggest winners are the inmates who participate.

Access full text at: <http://www.telegram.com/article/20080717/NEWS/807170638>.

WMASS Garners \$11 Million

***The Republican*, July 25, 2008**

According to *The Republican*, Governor Deval L. Patrick recently unveiled \$26.7 million in grants, including \$11 million in Western Massachusetts, for upgrading public housing, providing social services and improving roads. Sixty applications for grants were submitted to the state and 33 grants were awarded for services to 55 communities. Amherst, Chesterfield, Erving, Greenfield, Orange, Russell, Southwick, Ware, Warren and West Springfield are among the Western Massachusetts communities that received grants. Some of the money will go toward contracting with social-service agencies for preventing domestic violence, home care for the elderly, and food for the needy.

Access full text at: <http://www.masslive.com/news/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-15/1216970231166770.xml&coll=1&thispage=2>.

Drug Free Zones Facing Review

***The Republican*, July 26, 2008**

A new study by the Prison Policy Initiative concludes that the Massachusetts law that requires a mandatory minimum sentence of two years for anyone convicted of selling drugs within 1,000 feet of a school places poor, black and Hispanic populations at risk of harsher penalties simply because of where they live, reports *The Republican*. Originally intended to protect schoolchildren from being preyed upon by drug dealers, critics argue that the penalties for the “sentencing enhancement zones” are excessive. The proposed amendment will reduce the zone to 100 feet.

Access full text at: <http://www.masslive.com/news/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-2/1217056612248600.xml&coll=1&thispage=1>.

House, Senate Push to Finish

***The Worcester Telegram & Gazette*, July 26, 2008**

With just four work days left before they end formal sessions for the year, state legislators are set to act on a raft of major bills next week, states *The Worcester Telegram & Gazette*. This includes legislation for billions in new borrowing, major changes to criminal information record keeping and mandatory drug sentencing laws, a Turnpike Authority credit bailout plan, a bid for same-day voter registration and possible overrides of some of the \$122 million in budget vetoes imposed by the Governor. Examples of new legislation include the new law recently signed by Governor Patrick that increases penalties for child rapists and imposes mandatory sentences for several new crimes of aggravated child rape and also for repeat offenders. Additionally, the House and Senate also have given initial approval to a bill that would prohibit harassment of women breastfeeding in public, and final enactment votes could send it to the Governor next week.

Access full text at: <http://www.telegram.com/article/20080726/NEWS/807260337>.

UMass Alcohol Abuse Program Termed ‘Model’

***The Republican*, July 27, 2008**

According to *The Republican*, a program that has helped to reduce drinking on the University of Massachusetts campus has been recognized by federal education officials as a model program and has been awarded a grant to facilitate its expansion. The grant money, almost \$200,000, will be used to enhance and expand the university’s Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students (BASICS) Program. The Amherst campus has been asked to help other college campuses implement similar programs.

Access full text at: <http://www.masslive.com/news/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-15/1217143222241470.xml&coll=1>.

Fees Cut for Gun Licenses

The Worcester Telegram & Gazette, July 30, 2008

The Massachusetts House of Representatives recently shot down the Governor's proposal to raise gun licensing fees from \$100 to \$250, reports *The Worcester Telegram & Gazette*. The House then went one step further, voting to slash the license fees to \$40. Currently, gun licensing fees are charged every six years for renewal of those licenses and FID cards.

Access full text at: <http://www.telegram.com/article/20080730/NEWS/807300516/1116/NEWSREWIND>.

Announcements

Study of Survivors of Sexual Assault

The Boston Area Rape Crisis Center and the Boston VA are conducting a research study for women who have recently been sexually assaulted. If you are a woman over the age of 18 who has been sexually assaulted in the past 4 weeks you may be eligible to participate. Reimbursement is provided for study involvement. The results of the study will be helpful to survivors and those supporting them. If interested, please call Maria at (857) 364-6027 or email study.technician@gmail.com. You will not be asked any questions about the assault when calling or emailing.

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